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REMARKS

The Examiner reminded the applicant of the format for an abstract. The abstract has been replaced with a more descriptive abstract of one of the embodiments claimed herein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to check the box regarding the drawings on the next Office Action Summary.

The Examiner rejected claim 1 as being anticipated by Sezan et al. Claim 1 has been canceled, without prejudice.

The applicant has included new claims 2-40. The new claims patentably distinguish over the prior art of record.

The applicant respectfully requests that a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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